



FEPAC SESSION



Pre-Registration Not Required - Open to all Meeting Attendees

Accreditation of Forensic Science Academic Programs Through the AAFS FEPAC

Tuesday

February 23, 2010

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Educational Objectives: Upon completion of this session, the participant should be able to understand the process of accreditation through the AAFS FEPAC mechanism and be able to participate in the process as a reviewer of academic programs. Academic programs will also learn about the process of accreditation from different perspectives.

Chair:

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Program Description: This session has been developed to assist academic institutions which offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs in forensic science to prepare for the AAFS accreditation process through the Forensic Science Education Programs Commission (FEPAC). The session will also assist future on-site evaluators (academic and practitioners) to prepare for on-site evaluations of academic programs. Successful completion of this one-day session will qualify participants for consideration to serve as on-site evaluators for FEPAC in the future (please note that participants must still meet other FEPAC requirements such as membership in the AAFS and designation as either a practitioner or academician).

The FEPAC is a standing committee of the AAFS with a membership that includes five educators, five forensic laboratory directors, and a public member as voting members. The mission of the FEPAC is to maintain and enhance the quality of forensic science education through a formal evaluation and recognition of college level academic programs. The primary function of the committee is to develop and maintain standards and administer an accreditation program that recognizes and distinguishes high quality undergraduate and graduate forensic science programs. Twenty-five academic programs have undergone the accreditation process since 2003. Additional information on FEPAC can be found on the AAFS website: www.aafs.org.

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| 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | Introduction and Welcoming Remarks Module 1: Accreditation, Mission, and History of FEPAC <i>Max M. Houck, MA</i> |
| 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Module 2: Overview of FEPAC Process, Policies, and Procedures <i>Diane E. Vance, PhD</i> |
| 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. | Break |



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| 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Module 3: Review of Standards <i>Lawrence Quarino, PhD</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | Module 4: Undergraduate Standards <i>Max M. Houck, MA</i> |
| 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. | Module 5: Graduate Standards <i>Lawrence Quarino, PhD</i> |
| 1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. | Module 6: The On-Site Visit <i>Diane E. Vance, PhD</i> |
| 2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Break |
| 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Module 7: Scenarios and Evaluation <i>Lawrence Quarino, PhD; Diane E. Vance, PhD</i> |
| 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Questions and Answers <i>FEPAC Commissioners and Director of Accreditation</i> |